



State of Maryland – Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION
Catonsville, MD 21228

APPLICATION BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN FOR ADMISSION OF A MINOR

To the Administrative Head of: _____
Name of Facility

Regarding: _____
Name of Minor Date of Birth

I, the undersigned, parent or guardian of the person of the above-named minor, hereby request that you admit said minor to your facility for the care or treatment of a mental disorder pursuant to the provisions of Health-General Article, §10-610, Annotated Code of Maryland, which has been explained and provided to me. (See statute text printed on the reverse of this form.)

Name of Parent or Guardian Signature of Parent or Guardian

Address Date

Telephone Number

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Application by Parent of Guardian for Admission of a Minor must be on this form. [Health-General Article, §10-610(b)]

For a child or adolescent unit of Mental Hygiene Administration facilities only: Form DHMH #6A must accompany the certification.

HEALTH-GENERAL ARTICLE

§10-610. Application by parent or guardian.

- (a) *Applicant.* – On behalf of a minor, a parent or guardian of the person of the minor may apply, under this section, for admission of the minor to:
- (1) Any facility that is not a State facility; or
 - (2) The following State facilities:
 - (i) A regional institute for children and adolescents; and
 - (ii) The child or adolescent unit of a State facility.
- (b) *Application.* – The applicant shall submit a formal, written application that contains the personal information and is on the form required by the Administration.
- (c) *Admission limitations.* – A facility may not admit an individual under this section unless:
- (1) The individual has a mental disorder;
 - (2) The mental disorder is susceptible to care or treatment;
 - (3) The applicant understands the nature of a request for admission; and
 - (4) Assent to the admission has been given:
 - (i) By the admitting physician of the facility; or
 - (ii) For a child or adolescent unit of a State facility, by a physician and psychologist or by 2 physicians.
- (d) *Retention limited.* – An admission under this section to a child or adolescent unit of a State facility may not exceed 20 days. (An. Code 1957, Art. 59, § 11; 1982, ch. 21, § 2.)

§10-803. Voluntary admissions.

(a) *Informal request.* – An individual who is admitted voluntarily to a facility, on an informal request, may leave the facility at any time between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., unless the admission status of the individual has been changed to an involuntary admission.

(b) *Formal applications.* – An individual who has been admitted voluntarily, under a formal written application, may not be held for more than 3 days after the individual asks for release, unless the admission status of the individual has been changed to an involuntary admission.

(c) *Same – Minors.* – A minor who has been admitted voluntarily, on the application of a parent or guardian of the minor, may not be held for more than 3 days after the applicant for the admission asks for release, unless the admission status of the minor has been changed to an involuntary admission. (An. Code 1957, art. 59, § 11; 1982, ch. 21, § 2; 1991, ch. 31.)